THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) During a seminar on "Freedom of the Seas", the Chief of the Naval Staff had expressed his concern over acts of piracy and terrorism affecting the maritime environment in the Indian Ocean.

(b) The Indian Navy frequently conducts 'Presence & Surveillance' missions. Aircraft surveillance sorties and ship patrols are carried out at frequent intervals in close coordination by Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. Cooperation and constructive engagement with India's maritime neighbours is also maintained to curb terrorism across the ocean.

Co-ordination between RPF and security forces

1702. SHRI RAJIV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for closer cordination between RPF and the Central Intelligence and Paramilitary forces in view of the recent events of terrorism on trains in Mumbai and Haryana; and

(b) whether the transfer of RPF and Railway assets protection function to the Home Ministry would be more effective for better co-ordination and to ensure accountability for the critical issue of passenger and train and security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Necessary instructions have been issued to further streamline mechanisms for close co-ordination between RPF, Central and State Intelligence and security agencies at different levels.

(b) There is no such proposal.

Unauthorised parking lots in Delhi

1703. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the location and other details of various valid parking lots operating at present in MCD areas, indicating whether these are directly under MCD or are operated through contractors;

(b) whether Government have any assessment of the unauthorized parking lots operating in MCD areas; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have reports of public being overcharged beyond the rates fixed by the MCD; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose so as to do away with the menace of unauthorised parking lots/overcharging?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) A statement showing the details of parking sites of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, with their locations, name of the contractors to whom the sites have been allotted, period of contracts and monthly licence fee payable by the contractors to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is placed at Annexure. [See Appendix 210 Annexure No. 2]

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, whenever any instance of operation of unauthorisd parking site or overcharging at Municipal Corporation of Delhi's parking sites come to notice, the Corporation takes appropriate action against them.

(d) The steps taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to prevent the menace of unauthorised parking sites and overcharging include identifying additional parking sites, rationalising parking fee and parking space and stringent action against guilty contractors, who overcharge the public over and above the approved parking fees.

Satellite linkage at border outposts

1704. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs has prepared a proposal to provide satellite linkage to border outposts on Sino-Indian and Indo-Bangla borders making video conferencing and Internet facilities available;

(b) whether VSATs would be installed along the two borders manned by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Border Security Force (BSF); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?